

To his Grace, His Majesties high Commissioner, and
Honourable Estates of Parliament,

The PETITION of

Alexander Strachan of Glenkindie

Humbly sheweth,

THat the Petitioner being conveyed before the Lords of Justiciarie, in the year 1676, upon the malicious Information of the deceased *Adam Gordon* of *Glenbucket*, and some other Neighbours, anent his being in Accession to the Slaughter of one *Alexander Sower*, and put under an exorbitant Bail of 20000 *lib. Scots*, for his Compearance upon the 27 day of *November* the said year, and for presenting such of his Men, Tennents and Servants, as should be cited as Parties, and Witnesses to the said day, which Bond was extorted from him *metu Carceris*, and yet he fulfilled the same in all Points, so far as was possible for him; for he gave punctual Obedience and Attendance himself, and presented such of his men, Tennents and Servants, as he was informed were cited; and yet some persons designed in the Executions, Servants to him, being absent, he and his Cautioner were unlaw'd in the haild foresaid Sum of 20000 *lib.* as if he had performed no part of his Bond, and this Penalty after a long time in the late Reign, was gifted to *Sr Adam Blair* of *Carberrie*, and thereupon Diligence done against your Petitioner and his Estate, and thereby your Petitioner subjected to a most illegal and unwarrantable Burden; For Remeid whereof, he having applyed to the Lords of Justiciary, in *February* last: Their Lordships refused to liberat your Petitioner from the foresaid exorbitant Penaltie, and the Diligence which followed thereupon; *But prejudice to the Petitioner to pursue the same before the next Session of Parliament*; whereupon the Petitioner obtained a Warrant from the Lords of His Majesties Privy Council, and caused Summond the said Donatar and his Factor, with the other lawful Contradictors in the Cause, to compear before your Grace, and the Honourable Estates, to a certain day now elapsed, as the Signet Summons and Executions herewith produced doth bear.

May it therefore please your Grace, and the Honourable Estates, to hear the Petitioners Advocats in the said Cause; or to Remit to the Committee for privat Causes, to hear and prepare the same, that Your Grace, and the States may determine therein according to Justice.

And Your Petitioner shall ever pray, &c.

